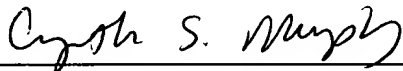


REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 19 has been rewritten in an independent format and claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-18, 20-23, 26-33, 35-40, 42-45, 47-49 and 51- 55 have been canceled. Upon entry of this amendment, only allowed claims 8, 16, 19, 24, 41 and 50 will be pending in the application, whereby this case is believed to be in a condition for allowance and an early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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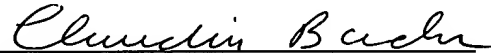
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